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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner advance examination of the present application.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

Applicants request examination of the present application be expedited on the grounds that the present application is a new application. To the Applicants' knowledge, the application has not received any examination from an Examiner. In the present application filed on March 28, 2001, Applicants present that all claims are directed to a single invention.

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Applicants have had an International Search Report prepared by way of a Patent Cooperation Treaty filing, using the United States as the International Search Authority. The search covered the following areas:

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During the course of the search the following patents and published applications were reported:

U.S. Patent No. 6,205,448 A (Kruglikov et al.)

U.S. Patent No. 5,857,201 A (Wright, Jr. et al.)

U.S. Patent No. 5,867,688 A (Simmon et al)

U.S. Patent No. 5,991,771 A (Falls et al.)

U.S. Patent No. 5,640,566 A (Victor et al.)

U.S. Patent No. 6,269,369 B1 (Robertson)

A copy of each reference is cited on an Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on August 29, 2002.

The following references may be considered most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims of the present application.

Kruglikov et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,205,448 discloses a method and system of synchronizing two computer systems supporting multiple synchronization techniques. In one embodiment, a portable computer system is loaded with synchronization transport modules. An application on the portable computer system is executed causing the application to automatically recognize the synchronization transport modules. The portable computer system receives the selection correspondent to one of the two synchronization transport modules. Selection could be from a user and would indicate that the user prefers to synchronize with the second computer system using a particular method of external communication. After selection, the portable computer system synchronizes with the other computer system using the selected method of external communication.

Wright, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,857,201 discloses, a client server architecture that is designed to allow a client to become a direct extension of a corporate data sources. The client server components use an object management scheme. This architecture allows the developer to manage a single selection with a single PDA device. It provides a completely asynchronous interface, providing multiple connections with multiple devices at the same time. Applications built with existing development tools will be able to exchange data on demand or provide facilities for a multiport server allowing remote database access and email access from the field.

Simmon et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,867,688 discloses a data retrieval and acquisition system having a wireless handheld interface for data entry by the user. The system includes a communication server for communicating, such as, through IR signals, with the handheld interfaces. The communications server communicates with multiple command servers and with the master server and/or other communication servers through a communication bus. A handheld interface includes touch screen which is operated through an event drive architecture. The user is allowed to enter data to a virtual rolling keys, a scroll bar, virtual keypad, barcode reader, and the like. The system minimized the transition time by minimizing the necessary information transmitted and synchronizing the operation of handheld interfaces with the corresponding communication server. The communications server transmits the information to the handheld through a first relief protocol and to the command server through second unique protocol.

Falls et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,991,771 discloses, a method and apparatus for synchronizing transactions in a disconnectable network. Each transaction includes operations that were performed on a database replica on one computer while the computer was disconnected from another computer and hence from the other computers replica. Transaction synchronization, which occurs after the computer are reconnected, transfers information from each computer to the other computer and applies updates to both replicas as appropriate.

Victor et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,640,566 discloses, a method of creating an editor that is executed on a first computer system, and which the editor is arranged to facilitate the editing of data from a first application program executed on a second computer system without requiring that the first application program run on the first computer system. The method includes the steps of creating a display info a way that identifies the data fields that may be displayed on the data browser window portion of the editor in creating an info array that identifies the data field may be edited in a detail window portion of the editor.

Robertson, U.S. Patent No. 6,269,369 discloses a network-computer based personal compact a manger system wherein users of network clients maintain and update the set of user information and update a set of user information which is stored in an relational database on a network server. Personal contact manager systems allows each user to specify on an individual bass which of their contacts are permitted to access respective datums of their user information. In some cases, the system will issue notifications to a users contacts when user changes his information or when a preset event, such as a birthday, as defined by the user, is to occur. The system also allows users to find contact based on common group affiliations and notifies users when there are coincidences in their data.

The present application as claimed is not anticipated and is patentable over the references discussed above because the independent claims include limitations that are not disclosed, suggested, or motivated by the foregoing references.

More specifically, the claims include the limitation, or limitations similar thereto, including retrieving a record extraction sequence from a server; and extracting records stored on a database recording to the record instructions and sequence, wherein the extracted records are not already scored on the computing device.

None of the references enclosed disclose the limitations as specified above, and as are claimed by Applicants.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application the Examiner is invited to contact John Ward at (408) 720-8300.

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